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chemically embossing a first layer to form a chemically embossed portion,
and

mechanically embossing a second layer, wherein said second layer is a
wear layer that has been cured prior to said mechanical embossing, wherein the
mechanically embossed portion of the wear layer includes all of the surface of
the wear layer, except the chemically embossed portion.

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[Please add the following new claims:]

-- 55. The method according to claim 33, wherein the mechanically embossed
portion of the wear layer includes all of the surface of the wear layer, except the
chemically embossed portion.

56. The method according to claim 39, wherein the mechanically embossed
portion of the wear layer includes all of the surface of the wear layer, except the
chemically embossed portion. --

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 25, 26, 33-46 and 48-56 are currently pending. Applicants have
amended claim 54 and added new claims 55 and 56. Support for these amendments